

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An entertainment system comprising:
a unit to transmit information and to receive information via a wireless connection;

a plurality of hand-held devices capable of simultaneously communicating with said unit, wherein each apparatus comprises a control unit to interact with an electronic programming guide (EPG) that is selectively programmed by one of said hand-held devices, which selective programming of said one hand-held device is then communicated to one or more of the other said hand-held devices; and

an indicator to indicate an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG.

2. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is displayed on a display of the apparatus.

3. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 2, wherein the display changes background colors to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

4. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 2, wherein the display flashes to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

5. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is a personal digital assistant.

6. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is a web phone.

7. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is a unit that generates a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

8. (Previously Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is a section of the apparatus that illuminates to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

9. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

transmitting information and receiving information via a wireless connection simultaneously to and from a plurality of hand-held devices, the information interacting with an electronic programming guide (EPG) that is selectively programmed by one of said hand-held devices, which selective programming of said one hand-held device is then communicated to one or more of the other said hand-held devices; and

indicating an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG simultaneously at said plurality of hand-held devices.

10. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the indicating includes ~~is~~ displaying an indicator on a display of the apparatus.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the indicating includes changing the background colors of the display to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the indicating includes the display flashing to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the apparatus is a personal digital assistant.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the apparatus is a web phone.

15. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the indicating includes generating a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the indicating includes illuminating a section of the apparatus to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

17. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions, which when executed cause a system to perform a method comprising:

transmitting information and receiving information via a wireless connection simultaneously to and from a plurality of hand-held devices, the information interacting with an electronic programming guide (EPG) that is selectively programmed by one of said hand-held devices, which selective programming of said one hand-held device is then communicated to one or more of the other said hand-held devices; and

indicating an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG simultaneously at said plurality of hand-held devices.

18. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the indicating includes displaying an indicator on a display of the apparatus.

19. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 18, wherein the indicating includes changing the background colors of the display to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

20. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 18, wherein the indicating includes the display flashing to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

21. (Previously Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the apparatus is a personal digital assistant.

22. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the apparatus is a web phone.

23. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the indicating includes a unit of the apparatus generating a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

24. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the indicating includes a section of the apparatus illuminating to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.